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Operational Summary No. 0023, HQ, 64th IAK, Antung
dated 23 January 1953, 2400 hrs Map scale is 1:500,000 1941

I.

On 23 January 53 the corps completed its assigned combat orders. Based on combat orders and the action plan coordinated with the OVA, the operation order was as follows: the bulk of the combined IAK-OVA forces (5-6 regiments) were to destroy enemy bombers and ground attack aircraft within the protected region, while 2-3 regiments were to escort them to and from the battle in "MiG Train" formation along the Anju / Kajsen border. OVA fighters (in small groups) were to conduct search and destroy missions in the P'yongyang / Tsinnampo / Syarkin areas and draw enemy F-86 fighters.

There were 190 combat sorties in all, including 88 sorties by OVA fighters (24 of which were search-and-destroy missions).

OVA fighters engaged enemy fighters once. One pilot fired, the results of which are yet to be determined. Three MiG-15's were damaged in the battle.

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1. During the day, the corps' air assets flew 102 combat sorties with a total flight time of 80 hrs, 44 min. Enemy fighters were engaged six times by flight, squadron, and regiment formations. One F-86 was shot-down and one F-86 was damaged. Twelve pilots fired. 487 rounds were expended and 204 external fuel tanks were jettisoned. Our losses one pilot did not return from his mission; he ejected and is now in the Ben'sikhu area. Additional circumstances of the pilot's ejection will be made available upon his return. Two MiG-15's were damaged in the battle.

2. Four combat sorties were flown at night for a total flight time of 2 hrs, 35 min. The sorties were bomber intercept and search-and-destroy missions. The enemy was not engaged.

II.

1. During the day, the 32nd IAD flew fifty combat sorties with a total flight time of 37 hrs, 37 min. There were four engagements; one in regiment formation, two in squadron formation, and one in flight formation. One F-86 was shot down. Nine pilots fired. 88 N-37's and 259 N-23's were expended, and 100 external fuel tanks were jettisoned One MiG-15 was damaged in combat.

Two combat sorties with a total flight time of one hour were flown at night. Enemy bombers were not engaged.

2. The 113rd IAD flew sixteen combat sorties during the day for a combined flight time of 12 hrs, 34 min. Thirty-two external fuel tanks were jettisoned.

At night, the 3rd squadron was on airfield standby with readiness levels 3-1.

3. During the day, the 216th IAD flew 36 combat sorties with a total flight time of 30 hrs, 33 min. The enemy was engaged twice using regiment formation. One F-86 was hit. Three pilots fired. 28 N-37's and 112 NS-23's were expended. 72 external fuel tanks were jettisoned. One MiG-15 was damaged in combat.

4. At night, the 351st IAP conducted two search-and-destroy sorties in the area of P'yongyang with a total flight time of 1 hr 35 min.

5. The 578th IAP was on stand-by

6. Two MiG-15's of the 351st IAP piloted by Major Korelin and Senior Lieutenant Gubenko conducted search-and-destroy missions at 2047 hrs and 2207 hrs in the Anju / P'yongyang / Sakusyu areas. The enemy was not engaged.

7. Two MiG-15's of the 535th IAP were scrambled to intercept enemy bombers at 0016-0017 hrs. The fighters flew to the Khakusen/ Anju/Dzyunsen areas The enemy was not engaged because of his distance (210 kilometers southeast of Antung).

8. At 1055-1220 hrs, 238 enemy fighters and ground attack aircraft were sighted in the Inch'on/Seoul area (150-180 Km southeast of P'yongyang) en route to Anju. In response to the enemy air attack, 110 MiG-15's were scrambled from 1108-1143 hrs, 18 from the 518th IAP, 216th IAD, 20 from the 535th IAP, 24 form the 913th IAP, 32nd IAD, and 48 from the OVA.

The 518th IAP (18 MiG-15's, led by Lieutenant Colonel Mikheev) engaged three groups of eight F-86's, 24 aircraft in all, in aerial combat in the Dzehguandong / Kydzio / Bugdin areas from 1121 hrs to 1123 hrs.

Our fighters fought using vertical manuevers, attacking the enemy from above and behind. Three pilots fired on the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel Mikheev shot down one F-86 with a starboard attack at 400 meters. One MiG-15 was damaged in the battle.

At 1132 hrs, near Sakusyu, six MiG-15's (led by Major Frolov from Lieutenant Colonel Mikheev's group) saw eight F-86's chasing six Chinese Air Force MiG-15's At the leader's command, the group attacked the enemy, who stopped chasing the MiG-15's and headed south in a dive.

At 1130 hrs, in the Sinuiju/Danu area, the 535th IAP (20 MiG-15's led by Lieutenant Colonel Alimov) engaged 24 F-86's at an altitude of 10,000 meters Six pilots fired during the battle, the results of which are still unknown.

Two squadrons of the 913th IAP (16 MiG-15's led by Lieutenant Colonel Razorenov) in the Danu / An'dun / Sinuiju areas engaged twelve F-86's at an altitude of 10,000 meters. Three pilots fired on the enemy. According to the pilots, Senior Lieutenant Karpov shot down one F-86.

Senior Lieutenant Karpov did not return from the mission. He ejected and is currently in the vicinity of Ben'sikhu.

Sixteen OVA MiG-15's engaged 16 F-86's at an altitude of 10,000 meters near Sinuiju. One pilot fired on the enemy, the results of which are still unknown. Three MiG-15's were damaged in the battle.

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9. At 1414-1440 hrs, 130-150 kilometers southeast of Anju 112 fighters and ground attack aircraft were sighted flying in a northwesterly direction.

At 1442-1513 hrs, 56 MiG-15's, including eighteen MiG-15's from the 676th IAP, 216th IAD; sixteen MiG-15's from the 415th IAP, 133rd IAD; six MiG-15's from the 224th IAP, 32nd IAD, and sixteen OVA MiG-15's were scrambled to intercept the enemy aircraft.

While on a mission 30 kilometers south of Tetsuzan, the 676th IAP (18 MiG-15's led by Lieutenant Colonel Gorbunov) sighted twelve F-86's over the Gulf which did not fly towards the coast. Upon their return to the Danu area at 1528 hrs, they engaged eight F-86's in aerial combat at an altitude of 9000 meters. Our fighters fought using vertical manuevers, but did not fire due to unfavorable conditions. The enemy turned and fled in a southeasterly direction.

At 1520 hrs, near Sinuiju, four MiG-15's of the 224th IAP (led by Major Mironov) engaged four F-86's at an altitude of 10,000 meters. One pilot fired, the results are unknown.

The remainder of our fighters and those of the OVA did not engage the enemy

10. Command and control took place with the corps and divisions' headquarters.

11. Weather in base and combat regions was clear with a visibility of 6-10 kilometers.

12. Combat strength: IAK command and the 351st IAP are unchanged.

32nd IAP: Out of 87 MiG-15's, nine are under repair and one didn't return from its mission Out of 116 pilots, 105 are combat ready, four are ill, three are on leave, three are on temporary duty elsewhere, and one has not returned after ejecting (Senior Lieutenant Karpov). Combat ready crews: 68 daytime, 8 night.

133rd IAD: Out of 80 MiG-15's, two are under repair. Out of 111 pilots, 98 are combat ready, ten are ill, one is on leave, and two are exempted from flight by the VLK. Combat ready crews: 25 daytime, 22 night.

27 MiG-15's of the 415th IAP were transferred to the 578th IAP for combat operations.

216th IAD: Out of 86 MiG-15's, seven are under repair, five are at Anshan and four were transferred to the 298th IAP for training. Out of 117 pilots, 76 are combat ready, 28 are ill, 8 are on temporary duty to Anshan and 5 are exempted from flight by the VLK. Combat ready crews: 67.

578th IAP: Out of 36 pilots, 35 are combat ready, one is ill. Combat ready crews: 20

III.

1. The 87th and 92nd Anti-aircraft Battalions were ready for combat, but enemy aircraft did not operate within anti-aircraft zones.

2 Combat strength and distribution of anti-aircraft units remain unchanged.

IV.

1. During the night of 23 January, the corps' RTS noted 40 overflights, including 19 bombers and 21 jet fighters.

Enemy aircraft were active in the following areas: [illeg] (70 kilometers west of Genzan) -- 17 bombers; [illeg] /P'yongyang/Koto areas -- 5 fighters; south of the line P'yongyang/Genzan -- two bombers; over the Korea Bay along the coast from Simni-Do Island [illeg] -- 16 fighters, two of which left towards Bikhen, [illeg], and Tetsuzan.

From 0007 hrs till 0030 hrs 17 bombers conducted a bombing raid on targets in the Khapo area (70 kilometers west of Gensan). The bombers were escorted by five fighters which patrolled the Dzyunsen/P'yongyang/ Koto areas.

2. During the day, the enemy conducted two air raids; one from 1127 hrs till 1204 hrs, with 238 fighters and ground attack aircraft; the other from 1443 hrs till 1512 hrs, with 112 fighters and ground attack aircraft. In the first raid 118 ground attack aircraft were active in the P'yongyang / Syarkin / Kosyu areas. They were escorted by 120 F-86s operating in fighter-train formation, one group (62 F-86s) in the Sanusyu / Fyugampo / Kidzio areas, a second group (32 F-86s) in the Sinmi Island / Syukusen / Anju areas, and a third group (28 F-86s) in the P'yongnamjin / Khitkhen area. In the second raid, 52 ground attack aircraft were active south of the P'yongyang/Genzan border. They were escorted by 60 F-86s flying in fighter-train formation in the Sanusyu / Fyugampo / Tejsyu / Dzehguandong areas.

In both raids, separate groups of 4-8 F-86's [illeg] in our fighter base area.

The rest of the day, enemy aircraft were active in groups of 4, 8 and 16 south of the line P'yongyang / Genzan and flew out in individual groups. In all, 106 F-86's were active up to the line Anju/ Tonusen

In all, the corps' RTS noted 626 overflights by fighters and ground attack aircraft, including 332 by fighters north of the line P'yongyang/Gensan.

V.

This is to report the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 224th IAP, 32nd IAD Senior Lieutenant Sokolov and 726th IAP, 133rd IAD Senior Lieutenant Mishchenko.

On 14 January 1953 while in aerial combat near Siodzjo with his unit, the 224th IAP, Senior Lieutenant Sokolov was attacked from above and behind by an F-86 and shot down He ejected, but landed in the Supui Electric Plant's reservior and broke through the ice. He was pulled out dead by a Chinese emergency rescue crew.

On 15 January 1953, Senior Lieutenant Mishchenko engaged two F-84's at an altitude of 300-400 meters near Khanusen with his unit, the 726th IAP, Upon breaking off his attack, he was attacked by a lone F-84. After the enemy attack, Senior Lieutenant Mishchenko's plane went into a 40-50 degree dive to the right,

crashed into the hills, and burned 5 kilometer south of [illeg]. The pilot died.

VI

On 23 January 1953 while in aerial combat near Kuan'dyal' with his unit, the 913th IAP, Senior Lieutenant Korlov shot down one F-86. The pilot ejected and was taken prisoner by Chinese comrades. He is wounded and is currently in a hospital in Antung. The downed pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Heller, Edwin Lewis is a US Air Force ace, the commander of the 16th Squadron, 51st Air Group. He arrived in Korea from England.

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